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DRIVER'S HORROR CRASH

This was the scene on Friday morning following a crash at junction 10 of the M20. The woman driver of the Ford Ka was seriously injured in the accident and remains in hospital. FULL STORY ON PAGE 3

BY **ED HILL**

JUST six months on from the introduction of the high-speed rail service Ashford is already seeing changes to the housing market.

Rural house prices have been one of the main beneficiaries with wealthy London clients buying up attractive properties in the countryside.

Alex Davies, director of estate agents Hobbs Parker, says interest in the £500,000 to £900,000 price bracket has grown.

He said: "We've seen an increase in both enquiries and actual house sales, with an encouraging steady growth over and above the level of enquiries we had before the arrival of the fast trains.

"The launch of HS1 appears to have shifted the profile of a typical London buyer and we're seeing many more enquiries from people currently living in either central or North London.

"Traditionally most Londoners coming into Ashford have been from south London.

"We're also getting more interest from the Home Counties, particularly Surrey."

Mr Davies said he anticipated steady growth in the market over the next three years.

Jacqueline Davies, area sales manager for Your Move estate agents, said the rail link has been a factor in increased sales.

She said: "In the run-up to the launch of the rail link we certainly saw more interest in Ashford from buyers who wanted to commute into London.

"We subsequently saw more house sales."

Although showing slower signs of a pick-up,

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GOOD JOB: Commuters at Ashford station are happy with their high speed train service

On the fast track to customer satisfaction

AN independent survey suggests Ashford rail users have been trading up to use the high speed service.

BY **ED HILL**

The poll by lobby group Passenger Focus also showed very high levels of satisfaction with the new trains introduced in December.

According to the survey, 95 per cent of passengers were satisfied overall with the High Speed service run by Southeastern.

Tunde Olatunji, passenger link manager for the lobby group, said: "This year we specifically covered passengers using the high speed services. The results show an exceptionally high level of overall satisfaction.

"These levels of satisfaction are mirrored across all of the passenger factors we survey."

On the standard mainline trains, only 82 per cent of passengers were happy with the standards. That dropped to 78 per cent for those using Metro services closer to London.

Mr Olatunji said: "For those passengers who can afford to use the service and for whom St Pancras or Stratford is the right choice of London destinations – then the high speed service is proving to be very successful."

However, passengers said there were still problems when it came to buying tickets and upgrading from regular services.

Mr Olatunji said: "Southeastern operate a very strict penalty fare regime. This has also led to frustration from season ticket holders who have found themselves issued with a penalty fare rather than be allowed to pay for the add-on fare. It is also not helpful for passengers that Oyster is not accepted for journeys between St Pancras and Stratford."

Although the benefit for Ashford travellers is fairly clear, other users in Kent feel they have lost out when the new timetable to accommodate the high speed trains was introduced in December.

Passengers on the North Kent Coast Line particularly think their service has got worse.

In contrast

"The problems revolve around passengers who have seen service frequency reduced, journey times increased or in some cases the loss of services to preferred destinations such as Cannon Street from Maidstone East.

"These changes have caused frustration and hardships to existing passengers who are rightly compelled to campaign for fairness and improvements to their services.

"The real challenge for Southeastern is to improve passenger satisfaction for the majority of passengers who use the Mainline and Metro services by addressing some of the concerns mentioned."

Southeastern claims it is carrying an extra 5,000 passengers across its network since December.

Economic boost for homes on the line

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the new homes market is also attracting people from further afield.

Jo Richard, Hillreed Homes' marketing and corporate manager, said: "Visitors are very aware of the service and the benefits it offers. I think once the state of the housing market in general improves homes in Ashford will achieve a premium."

The town is also attracting business investment because of HS1.

The investment agency Locate in Kent says 59 companies are currently considering potential projects in Ashford and the rail link is benefitting companies already based here.

Jo James, from the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "A lot of our members are using the service on a regular basis and saving much-needed time and money. I'm certain the high-speed link will bring more businesses to the area as Ashford continues to develop and new office accommodation becomes available."

The Government is in the process of selling HS1, which could mean more train operators using the line.

Planning expert Professor Sir Peter Hall, from University College London, said: "Our research clearly shows that high-speed rail access can dramatically change a town's fortunes: within a one hour radius from London, by importing commuter incomes into the local economy and, within two hours, growing the local economic base.

"This suggests the high-speed service should boost Ashford's economy."

Summer sports help keep children active

A SUMMER sports programme will be held at Courtside and Pitchside again this year.

The Courtside team has secured a range of new equipment which means there will be all kinds of new opportunities available at the artificial pitches in Stanhope Road.

So as well as the usual sports, there will also be croquet, garden board games and more.

The courses run Monday to Thursday on: July 26-29; August 2-5, and 23-26 between 10am and 3pm.

They are available to children in Reception classes up to Year 6. The cost is £12 a day and places must be pre-booked. For details or to book email emma.knight@ashford.gov.uk or call 01233 896511.

Eureka! New business at park

A NEW business block is to be built at Eureka Park.

The project, called Northdown II, will consist of two buildings providing 25,000 sq ft of office space.

The decision to build the new business centre has been made by Quadrant Estates, which is responsible for the development of Eureka Park. The decision to start work on the building was made after it sold another office block at the business park for £9.6 million.

The Herald building has been purchased by Alhambra Group, which will now lease the building to the current tenants Smiths Medical International Ltd for a term of 15 years.

The new Northdown buildings have been designed by architects Scott Brownrigg and work is expected to begin at the end of the summer.



DEVELOPMENT: A computer image of the new buildings

Tristram Gethin, director of Quadrant Estates said: "The sale of Herald and new letting to Smiths is fantastic for Eureka Park and reinforces the message that new Grade A office stock in Kent presents an excellent product for investors and occupiers alike.

"The recent infrastructure improvements in the county, a dearth of supply, and low rents compared with other parts of the south east, mean Kent is continuing to be viewed favourably in the market."

The nearby Eureka Place, which consists of retail properties to support the development, such as shops and restaurants, has now also been fully let, with three new businesses moving in.

SEEDA demise 'a good time to review plans'

BY ED HILL

COUNCIL leader Paul Bartlett says now is the perfect time to reassess the town's future growth plans.

He was speaking after the Government announced it was abolishing the South East Development Agency (SEEDA) and replacing it with Local Enterprise Partnerships.

He said: "We need to see if there are better ways of delivering not just the growth but ensuring what is built is done with the agreement and support of the community."

Cllr Bartlett said some of the town's new developments resulted in homes that were too small with narrow streets, and a lack of parking, built on unspoilt areas of the countryside.

He said: "When John Prescott identified Ashford as part of Labour's growth agenda in 2001 he wanted relatively small homes with no qualms about building on green spaces.

"We embraced growth, but we wanted to build houses in the town centre first on previously developed land, not in the countryside."

Mr Bartlett, who took over as leader of the council in May, said Labour set up planning regulations that were inefficient and costly.

He said Ashford's Future, the body created to deliver many of the changes to the town, would be restructured under the coalition government's commitment to localism.

"We still need a delivery vehicle, but what we have at the moment is a complicated structure that involves four public bodies, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), SEEDA, Kent County Council and Ashford council. It has done a great job delivering the infrastructure but it is going to have to change.



GROWTH PLANS: Land at Victoria Road, Ashford, which is currrently owned by SEEDA, is due for development

"The HCA and SEEDA are government quangos with no directly-elected members; that is wrong. A public sector delivery body has to be accountable to the community."

SEEDA currently owns plots of land between the station and the town centre.

Mr Bartlett said: "That land can either go to the county council or Ashford council. We just want to ensure the town benefits."

The leader of the council says he will seek local people's views about the town's future.

He said: "I don't think growth should stop but the community needs to express its views. We are going to review the Local Plan so everyone will have the opportunity to give their opinion."

It is hoped a clear way forward will be decided by autumn.

Mr Bartlett said: "I still believe a lot of the plans Ashford's Future has created are very exciting. This is a great opportunity for the council and the people of Ashford to wrestle back control of the growth agenda."

Kevin Lynes, Kent County Council cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Central government has rightly challenged us all to play our part in the economic recovery whilst ensuring our growth and regeneration plans remain on track."

Boy racers shut out of retail park

BOY racers have been thwarted by security gates installed at the Warren Retail Park.

The gate was the idea of local Police Community Support Officer Stuart Manning.

Every evening up to 30 cars were meeting at the car park, causing problems with noise, litter, graffiti and vandalism.

Maria Dunn, assistant manager at Dreams at the retail park said youngsters speeding around the car park continually set off alarms at her shop once it was shut.

She said: "Having the gate there has made a huge difference."

There had also been complaints from residents of nearby Quantock Drive about noise.

PCSO Manning had to persuade the owner of the Warren Retail Park that a gate would help solve the problems. He said: "The landlord was very helpful and the businesses at the park and nearby residents are pleased with the result."

Warning after kayak is stolen

A KAYAK has been stolen from a garden in Wye.

The orange boat was taken from outside a house in Bridge Street between 11am on June 26 and 3pm on June 27.

The owner is concerned that it could be dangerous if someone with no experience of kayaking tries to use it, or if children should find it abandoned on the nearby river.

Anyone with information as to its whereabouts is asked to contact the Ashford neighbourhood policing unit on 01233 896332.



Road shut for sewer repair

TUFTON Street in the town centre was closed last week because of a collapsed sewer.

The road closure meant traffic had to be diverted to avoid the one-way system in the town.

It also meant that buses that normally use the route had to be diverted and temporary stops set up in Church Road.

The sewer collapse occurred near the junction of Church Road just outside the magistrates' court.

The one-way system in Bank Street and Tufton Street was temporarily suspended so that some traffic could exit on to Elwick Road.

The disruption has meant many town centre roads have been quieter than usual.

Kent Highways is still investigating what caused the collapse. It is still not clear how long it will take to repair the road.

The old library on the corner of Church Road and Queen Street nearby has now been completely demolished ready for the new Gateway Plus centre.

Driver in hospital after lorry crushes her car

AN ACCIDENT at junction 10 of the M20 left a woman with serious injuries after her car was crushed by a lorry.

The accident on Friday involved a Sainsbury's lorry and two cars. The HGV had overturned crushing one car and badly damaging the other.

The woman who was driving one of the cars, a Ford KA, had to be cut free by fire-fighters and was taken to the William Harvey Hospital with serious head injuries. She remains in hospital in a serious condition.

The driver of the other car was taken hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the lorry was uninjured.

The accident, which happened at about 6.50am, led to many road closures. The approaching slip roads from the motorway were closed and some of the lanes from the A2070 were also shut.

The Kennington Road approach remained open and traffic was allowed to travel from Bad Munstereifel Road on to the London-bound M20.

The road closures were in place until lunchtime while the vehicles were recovered and forensic officers completed their investigation.

The crash meant people going to the William Harvey Hospital could only get to it from Kennington. Other drivers had to find alternative routes through Ashford.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to call Kent Police on 01622 690690.

Unemployment benefit claims fall

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit has fallen in Ashford in the last month.

According to figures on the Business Information website, the number of people claiming unemployment benefit in the borough stood at 1,859. That is down by 111 compared to last month.

Ashford's figures are part of a wider trend across the county, which saw a drop of more than 1,600.

Despite fears of public sector lay-offs, unemployment figures have dropped for three consecutive months.

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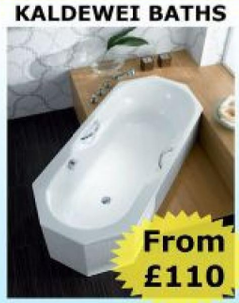
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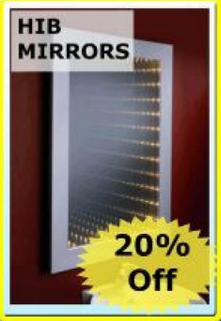
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TIMEPIECE: Tony Russell (left) with estate manager Nick Sandford and the clock he presented to Godinton House (inset), where he has worked for 50 years

Time for reflection after 50 years of working at estate

THE gift of a clock at retirement is a common occurrence but one man at Godinton House has decided to turn the gesture on its head.

BY **ED HILL**

Tony Russell has worked for the Godinton Estate for fifty years, but instead of receiving a clock to mark the occasion he has made one and given it to his employer.

And Mr Russell's creation is no cheap carriage ticker but a full-size replica of a 16th Century Act of Parliament clock.

Mr Russell said: "I have always loved making clocks. My father used to do it and although I lost him when I was very young I just seemed to take to it."

The 71-year-old has restored many clocks over the years but the Godinton timepiece is his own creation, built from scratch.

The wooden mouldings echo the Jacobean architecture of the house and it also bears the badge of the Grenadier Guards, Mr Russell' s old army regiment.

Mr Russell began work with Godinton's former owner Alan Wyndham Green and then for the charitable trust Mr Green set up to look after the long-term upkeep of the historic building in 1992.

Mr Russell said: "It is known as an Act of Parliament clock because they were made to be hung in pubs and coachhouses. This was at a time when there was a tax on clocks and people didn't want to pay the extra money to be able to tell the time."

Over the years Mr Russell has had to turn his hand to all kinds of skills to maintain the building. He has repaired windows, rodded drains repaired roofs and his skill as a decorator, joiner and craftsman have done much to preserve the beautiful interiors of the house.

His clock has now been put up in the billiard room for visitors to see.

Nick Sandford the estate manager said: "Tony's knowledge of the estate is invaluable and his skills and painstaking attention to detail have been a huge benefit to Godinton."

Mr Russell says he has no plan to retire but he has reduced his hours to four days a week to give more time for his hobbies and he is about to start building another clock.

The estate now hosts many events. On July 17 it will be staging an open air production of Much Ado About Nothing by the Pantaloon company.

• **To find out more about what is on at Godinton House call 01233 643854 or visit www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk.**

All go at free playtime sess

CHILDREN and parents have been enjoying free play sessions in Willesborough and Tenterden.

In the first two weeks of the project more than 150 people have joined in the Go4Play programme funded by Ashford council and organised by the Kent Children's fund Network.

During the first week children were given the chance to use skateboards, pogo sticks, go carts, and learn street art and circus skills in Julien Place.

The next week the sessions moved to Shrubcote in Tenterden.

The highlight of this summer's events will be the Ashford Street Festival on Sunday, July 11. There will be two stages of live music, an Italian market, dance workshops, face painting, skateboarding and dozens of different stalls.

There will then be a final week of play sessions in Bockhanger starting on July 12.

Now in its third year, Go4Play offers free, public play sessions for children and young people up to the age of 16. It was launched in 2007 to offer free, quality play opportunities to local families were play provision was considered low.

The idea involves getting youngsters take a lead in creating and organising activities on the day with the help of session staff.

This year's theme is based around the idea of street play, and looks at how the streets can be safe, fun places to play for the whole community.

This is the last year that the project will receive funding from the Big Lottery. Organisers are seeking sponsors so the Ashford Street Festival can continue annually.



ARTISTIC ENDEAVOUR: Mums and children enjoy the street art session on the Go4Play programme

• **For more information on Go4Play, to get involved in the street festival contact Joel Roszmann at Kent Children's Fund Network on 01233 632957.**



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Seeds of discontent over garden centre

BY ED HILL

THE owner of a Kennington garden centre has accused Ashford council of neglecting the needs of independent business.

Terry Burch, of Bybrook Garden Centre, was speaking after the planning committee gave the go-ahead for a£10 million garden centre at the Eureka Leisure Park. The application is from the Tesco-backed garden chain Dobbies.

Mr Burch said: "It seems preference is given to a multinational retailer over a 35-year-old loyal Ashford business."

The committee had originally objected to the scheme but deferred its final decision to prepare its arguments if it went to appeal.

Mr Burch, who launched a Facebook campaign against the plans which attracted more than 2,000 people, suggested the committee had changed its mind because it could not afford to fight an appeal.

He said: "It's easy to hide behind planning regulations to suit the occasion. If you think a development like this on our doorstep will have no effect on us, you're not living in the real world. We were not even given the normal courtesy of notification that a planning application had been received."

At the planning meeting the application was discussed under so-called pink paper rules which means the public and press are excluded because of commercial sensitivity.

Mr Burch said: "I understand that Dobbies would have appealed, but it's quite possible the decision would have gone in our favour. I would have accepted that decision."

Mr Burch denied he was against competition and said he may go to the local government ombudsman. He said: "I have faced competition over the last 35 years. I can put up with fair competition but it is a different matter when up against Tesco."



BIG PLANS: Artist's image of the £10m Dobbies garden centre planned for Eureka Leisure Park

In a statement, Ashford council said: "The committee had been minded to refuse the application. They were concerned about the loss of a site that could be used to build offices and about traffic issues and incompatibility with other uses on the leisure park. However, when the application was reconsidered, members concluded their concerns were not sufficiently strong reasons to turn the application down. Several members indicated the intervening period had been useful in allowing them to reflect on the application.

"They noted that the land use planning system was not designed to support existing businesses against new competition, but that it could only look at whether a proposed use of land is acceptable in other planning terms."



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Q&A

The Mayor of Ashford talks to **Ed Hill** about how he plans to do things differently during his second stint as mayor, his childhood influences, where he thinks the town's future lies and his love of technology

Q How long have you had connections with Ashford?

A My family on my mother's side come from the area. We can trace our connection back to 1759 in Ashford and before that to Romney Marsh and Tenterden.

I came to live in Ashford in 1966. I had lived in London before that. I was really pleased to be here because I had spent all my school holidays with my grandfather in Hythe Road. My aunts and uncles lived here. Every Christmas we used to come to Ashford so the family could get together.

When I got the offer of a job in Ashford it was natural I should take it. It was my first big managerial job for the Co-Operative Society.

Q What is the most important aspect of being mayor?

A I am the face of Ashford. It is a job where you can meet the people of the borough and listen to what they have to say and pass that back to the councillors.

Q This is the second time you have been mayor. Are you more confident this time round? Will you be doing anything different?

A I am more confident this time. It takes time to appreciate what the job entails.

I will be doing something different this time. I have decided not to take part in every event outside the borough. I am here for the people of Ashford so the people of the borough expect to see me here. I don't think it is right that I should waste time and money going miles away for another mayor's charity dinner. I will still give money to their charity, but I will not incur the cost of going to the function.

Q How did your interest in politics begin? When did you become a councillor?

A When I was in my teen years I lived in Woolwich and my local MP was Ernest Bevin. I saw the work that he was doing for the dockworkers. At that time they had a very precarious living. IHe was working hard for their rights. It struck me what one man could do for thousands of people. Also, working at the Co-op it was part of the ethos of doing things for other people.

I became a councillor in Ashford when timber-framed houses in the borough were declared unsafe. I was living in one of these homes and we formed the Ashford Home Owners Association to try and get something done. I must have impressed one or two people in the Labour Party then because they asked me to stand as a candidate.

I thought I would just do it for four years; now here I am 20 years later.

Q What do you think about the future of Ashford?

A I think it is about time our town did grow. My only concern is that we are just going to be a commuter town.

We have lost major employers such as the railways and the barracks. I don't think we can rely just on the service sector. I hope we can find a niche in technology or industry and really exploit that. The high speed train is great but has put us that much closer to London to be a genuine commuter town.

Q Do you think people in local government get the recognition they deserve? Do you think local people should have more power as suggested by the new government?

A We still have to wait and see what the new government has planned but I would not raise people's sights too high. Councils don't get the recognition they deserve. Every day councillors and council staff are at the forefront of meeting the electorate.

Often people complain about things we can't change. For example, in planning, the guidelines are set down by national government and we have to work within those rules. The public's perception of why things should be turned down by councillors does not match the Government's reasons for saying something should go ahead.

Q What do you do in your spare time?

A I bake all our bread at home. I enjoy music and spend a lot of time on the computer. It is amazing how quickly you can find out things. Technology has made my work as a councillor much quicker.

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Garden of future's harvest of ideas

BY **JANE CONNOLLY**

STUDENTS at Hadlow College are looking to the future with their entry for the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

Designed and constructed by former and current students, Food 4 Thought is an innovative courtyard garden that takes food direct to the table. Visitors to the show, from Tuesday, July 6, to Sunday July 11, will get a glimpse of how the Garden of England might evolve.

The garden was designed by Hadlow College graduate Mandy Buckland, who now runs the award-winning garden and landscape design company, Greencube.

Change

"The brief was to include apples, but we took it a step further and looked to climate change," she said. "What will we be growing in years to come? Will it be lemons? Farmers are adapting for change already."

Along with traditional Kentish crops such as apples and strawberries, the contemporary garden includes produce more commonly associated with the Mediterranean climate, such as lemons and peaches.

"There is water running down the walls and it symbolises the capture of water," said Ms Buckland. "It highlights the fact that water is a commodity and it should be captured."



FERTILE GROUND: Food for Thought garden

Lecturer and garden manager Brian Hawtin is also a Hadlow graduate and he explained more about the garden's vision.

He said: "The garden shows what we have grown in the past in Kent, what we grow now and what we might grow in the future."

One striking feature is a cantilevered table protruding from the wall, with ribbons of strawberries flowing down into the table itself.

"We are talking about field to fork meals," Mr Hawtin said. "You could be sitting eating your meal and when it comes to dessert time, there are the strawberries. This is all Kent produce so it can be grown in your garden."

All the plants have been grown at the college and the initial construction has been carried out by Mr Hawtin, along with seven students in year two of the Garden Design course – Neil Brookson, James Craig, Adele Ford, Alick Nee, Susan Palmer, Susan Willmott and Claudia Vergari.

To create the garden's flooring, the students cut quartz paddlestones which fit into moveable trays, creating a portable structure which can be fitted together at Hampton Court Palace. The garden also features innovative 'food walls' planted with chillies, peppers and herbs, to make efficient use of a small space.

Speaking in May, when the build was in full swing, Mr Hawtin said: "What we are doing is assembling all the bits and pieces and adding things, to get as much built here as possible before going to Hampton Court Palace.

Perfect

"We want the garden to be in a perfect state when the judges look at it. We need to get it all planted and plants can turn to the sun. That's the sort of detail the judges are looking for."

Exhibitors are given two weeks to put the garden together at the show site, so the team should be putting the finishing touches to Food 4 Thought this weekend.

But once the show is over, Food 4 Thought will not be thrown on the compost heap. The garden will return to the college as something for students to work on.

"Next year's project will be to redesign this garden," Mr Hawtin said.



LOOKING TO FUTURE: Designer Mandy Buckland of Greencube, left, with her team

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Perfect dress for 'nappiest day'

FASHION students at Ashford School of Art and Design held their end-of-year show at the Henwood Campus.

This year's show-stopping artwork was by Gemma Johnson from Teynham, who is pictured above with a wedding dress she made from disposable nappies, accessorized with shop receipts.

Gemma, who has just completed the second year of HND Course and starts her BA next year, said: "It's about the mundane. We bring our children up to believe in a fantasy and it's not reality."

More than 500 visitors saw models show off clothes by fashion students, including Sally Epps' inspirations for Islamic fashion.

This was the first year both Higher and Further Education students had got together for the end-of-year show.

The event was opened by Bill Fearon, principal of the newly-merged South and West Kent Colleges.

Book now for summer academies

THE Towers School will be holding its summer academies once again this year.

Events lined up for this summer include a whodunnit week beginning on July 26, an Africa week beginning on August 2 and a life week, looking at plants and nature, from August 9.

There will also be football coaching available over the summer holiday.

To find out how your children can get involved, call Rachael Atley on 01233 634171 ext 234 or email: atleyr@towers.kent.sch.uk

Pupils make art from the sounds of nature

BY **ED HILL**

CHILDREN from two Ashford primary schools have been helping out with an art project that will be staged in the town later this month.

The project is part of an ongoing residency called Elemental Fields by the artist Lee Patterson.

Mr Patterson specialises in artworks that employ sound. Children from East Stour Primary and the John Wesley Primary have been visiting locations around the borough with sound-mapping artist Louisa Martin.

With support from Stour Valley Arts they have been making recordings of different sounds which will eventually be edited together to be heard alongside Mr Patterson's piece.

Last week the children from East Stour Primary visited King's Wood in Challock to record the sights and sounds of the forest.

They also visited the various sculptures positioned around the woods which are part of the Stour Valley Arts project.

Lucy Medhurst, education and learning manager with the Stour Valley Arts, said: "Lee is very interested in sounds that we do not normally expect to hear; very subtle and ambient sounds.



SOUNDS LIKE ART: Youngsters capture the sounds of the forest in Kings Wood, near Challock

"We have been mapping sound both acoustically and geographically. They have been recording things such as ants' nests. The sounds have very different qualities. For example, the children said the rustling of the ants' nest sounded like rain."

Whilst in the woods the children were also asked to draw the environment around them.

They have already visited Willesborough Dykes and The Singleton Environment Centre to make up their collection of recordings. The samples will be edited by Louisa Martin in time for the exhibition at Tufton House on July 24.

Their work, called Vibration Station, will be heard by visitors as they walk round the old art college building in Tufton Street.

Lucy Medhurst said: "We have had fantastic comments from the children. They really enjoy being outside. We chose deliberately green environments around the town. They have been able to make comparisons between the sounds recorded in the different locations and seem to understand how sound can be art."

As part of his residency, Lee Patterson will also be creating a physical artwork that will be situated in King's Woods in 2011.

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PROTEST: Joe Jones, vice chairman of the Gypsy Council, says travellers are sick of being pushed around

Gypsy leader's fury over call for clampdown

A GYPSY leader has reacted angrily to town hall leaders' calls for a government clampdown on unlawful developments.

BY **STEVE KNIGHT**

Last week a letter signed by all 13 of Kent's district and borough heads, including Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, was sent to the Government, calling for tougher penalties for people who build without planning permission.

The document makes a particular point about caravans and mobile homes, stating that current policy "weighs against what is acceptable and explainable" to the public.

However, Joe Jones – director of the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group and vice chairman of the international Gypsy Council – says local authorities are to blame for not providing adequate land to settle on.

Framework

"At the end of the day we need provision," he said. "And if we're not going to get it from them then we're going to get it ourselves.

"All we want is somewhere we can call home. Okay, we can't stop everywhere, but asking for more laws is ridiculous.

"There's no point dogmatising and vilifying us for their failures. It's getting to the point where it's time for us to protest against the councils because we can't keep taking this on the chin.

"We're sick of being pushed from pillar to post. We're not animals, we're human beings."

Later this year the Government will publish its first national planning framework, which KCC leaders hope will tackle the issue of developments being built without planning permission. They are calling for the Con-Lib coalition to introduce a new offence that would result in deliberate offenders being forced to take down unlawful buildings, or fined according to the seriousness of the case.

Tonbridge and Malling leader Cllr Mark Worrall said: "Unlawful development can scar the countryside and is the bane of many villagers' lives.

"This simple piece of legislation would send a clear message that there is 'zero tolerance' for buildings put up without permission, and would give councils clearer and less encumbered powers to enforce the wishes of local people.

"Such a move would be particularly helpful in dealing with unauthorised caravans and mobile homes."

The letter signed by the council leaders was addressed to Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, who is also the new minister for planning policy at Communities and Local Government.

Mr Clark said: "The public want to see fair play – everyone being treated equally and even-handedly in the planning process.

"The new Government will tackle the real concerns about the current rules and guidance for planning decisions in relation to travellers' sites.

"We are working on proposals to strengthen the powers councils have to enforce against breaches of planning control and to tackle the abuse of retrospective planning permission."

Pylon plans 'will scar landscape'

WINDFARMS and new sources of electricity in remote areas are generally viewed as good news for the environment, but they need cables to connect them to the National Grid.

And this week conservationists have greeted with dismay the news that a new chain of electricity pylons look set to blight Kent.

The National Grid wants to increase the network across the UK because there is a shortage of options to deliver power, but pressure group Protect Kent said there is an urgent need to move to electric cars, and to develop regional 'smart' electricity grids that can cope with renewable energy generation.

It said that from Romney Marsh to the North Downs near Gravesend, ranks of pylons are an industrial scar on Kent's landscape.

Protect Kent chairman, Richard Knox-Johnston said: "Given the choice most people would prefer underground cables."

National Grid says pylons cost £1.6m a mile, whereas underground cabling costs £20m, and that needs to be added to customers' bills.

However, Protect Kent said schemes for underground lines in Europe have shown that not only is the investment less, but that some of this outlay can be recouped as underground cables are more reliable.

The RSPB in Kent is also concerned. It said: "The most likely conservation issue for birds is impact if they are placed in a busy route for them. The construction of pylons would be subject to the usual planning process and any nature conservation impacts would be considered as part of that."

National Grid said this is the biggest expansion of electrical infrastructure in half a century and is needed to meet a surge in demand and to link up with wind farms and nuclear stations.

Now Play Away Floella becomes baroness

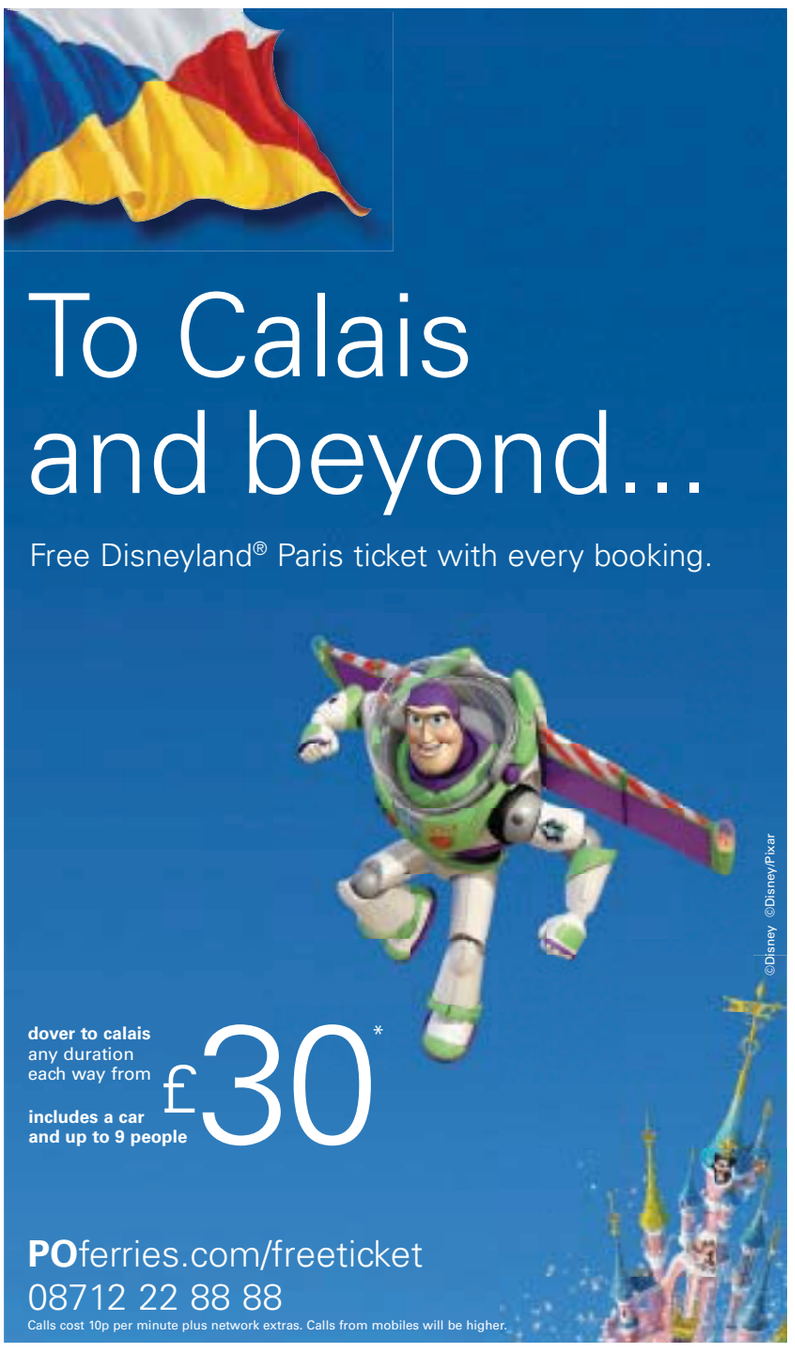
CHILDREN'S TV presenter Floella Benjamin has taken her seat in the House of Lords as a Lib Dem peer.

Her official title is Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham in Kent but she will be known as Baroness or Lady Benjamin.

The 60-year-old TV favourite, best known for shows like Play Away, promised to spend "much energy on the well being of children and young people".

She has starred in the Doctor Who spin-off series The Sarah Jane Adventures, works with Action for Children and Barnardo's and is a cultural ambassador for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.





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YOUR LETTERS

What's with Junction 10 roadwork hell?

What is going on around junction 10? Every morning and evening we are faced with half a mile of roadworks with very little sign of any work being done.

I can't believe no one has considered leaving a bigger space to the traffic lights allowing queuing traffic to spread across four lanes.

And shouldn't someone have a look at the light phasing around the roundabout to ease the congestion which stretches way back past McDonald's?

I know that there has to be work and I know that it has to be done some time. But surely whatever is being done there can be done in stages.

I also wouldn't mind guessing you are driving a huge amount of traffic through south Willesborough and past the primary school on Church Road at some of the busiest times of the day thereby increasing the risk of accidents involving children.

Come on all you highly-paid highways officers at Ashford Borough and Kent County Councils, surely you can come up with a better solution. If not give me half hour with the cone machine along Bad Munstereifel way and I'll sort it out for you.

Charles Strachan, Tenterden

Foreign lorry driver chaos continues

Foreign lorry drivers continue to park up for the night all around the Cattle Market and the motor dealers on Orbital Business Park.

They continue to dump their plastic bags of rubbish, and other things, on our verges.

They continue to force drivers across the road into oncoming traffic and we continue to do nothing.

Surely our police and councils have the power to sort this out?

Christopher Davidson, by email

There's no solution to football problems

As we get over the debacle of another failed campaign by England, we are all once again examining the game and trying to find solutions so that we can perform better.

Well it's not going to happen.

We simply are not good enough and never will be. We had the chance to get our house in order and make the best of our young talent but we didn't do it. Now every nation has a well disciplined squad capable of giving any team a close game – as the World Cup has shown.

In this country, with the exception of a few big clubs, the only youngsters who find themselves in with a chance are the extremely talented and many of them will be disappointed when they fail to land a contract.

Football has become the dominant sport in Britain and too many youngsters want to be footballers.

Parents pushing their kids to achieve is part of the problem.

And then when they do make it, our English premiership players are incapable of performing.

The problem is that without the security of a Premiership team built around them, these stars just get frustrated and fade during the game, then blame their coach when it's over.

I don't know the answer to making us play better but I do think we need to lower our expectations at a national level and, as always, prepare to be bitterly disappointed by our countrymen.

Joe Hounslow, by email

yourblogger



Simon Robinson is left hot under the collar – not by the recent great weather, but by his bosses...

THIS weather we are having is intolerable. It's too hot, too humid and too distracting; constantly filling my mind with thoughts of shorts, sandals, seaside, beer, beer gardens and barbeques and other non-work, outdoor daydreams.

All of which makes my arduous daily task of making phone calls, sifting through emails, writing news stories and managing reporters somewhat of an arduous task.

The powers-that-be have made efforts to make my working life a little more bearable during this mini heatwave of ours.

I've kindly been provided with a small desktop fan, which is trained on my brow from mid morning to early evening, and our office's patio doors are inevitably opened at some point throughout the day to further aid the flow of fresh air into the newsroom.

But try as I might, when the sun starts shining and the temperature passes 25 degrees I can't seem to shake off a burning yet entirely irrational sense of injustice at being made to work on such a beautiful day in such stuffy circumstances.

This isn't your typical British 'it's too hot, it's too cold' moan at the weather, though.

No, my issue is with The Management.

It is inarguably too hot to work in these conditions. We can't change the weather, but there are other variables we can alter. For instance, why don't we roll out a formal summer office wear range for men? Suits are out, shorts and flip-flops are in.

A free ice-cream coupon would also do wonders to improve weather-affected workers' morale.

Transport chiefs could also replace stuffy, overcrowded buses with those open-deck tourist guide models.

Or how about we just accept that productivity is bound to go down slightly on the rare occasions when it's hotter in this country than in Bermuda.

When your boss asks you for those reports/spreadsheets you said you'd have finished by noon, an acceptable response should be: "Look Sir, it's hotter than the sun in here. I'll get them to you by tomorrow."

All of these flawless suggestions would improve our daily working lives immeasurably.

And there are equivalents for the winter cold snap.

How about free hot water bottles? Mugs of hot chocolate? How about some grit on the roads? (On second thought, perhaps that last one's asking a little too much.)

We Brits aren't used to extreme temperatures. We are used to rain and darkness. It's what we're cut out for. If we want the sun or the snow we go on holiday.

That's the way it's always been and it's the way it should always remain.

So unless The Management can find a way to replace the unbearable summer sun and the ice-cold winter frost from Monday to Friday I suggest they take the above pointers on board.

Office shorts and flip flops are the way forward.

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Heads should roll over council pay-off

I was outraged to read of the £365,000 pay off to Kent County Council's director of environment who left after just a year. He worked in Kent and lived in Yorkshire at weekends. How could that ever work?

KCC members are hiding behind employment laws for an excuse of paying this extortionate amount of taxpayers' money to an individual for one year's service which was terminated mutually.

The fact of the matter is that the contract of employment was drawn up by KCC the employer so if it was a matter of a contractual agreement, as the council claims, it is gross incompetence by the members and senior officers and therefore some heads should roll.

In fact all the contracts of senior officers should be examined.

S Wilkinson, by email

Not taxpayers' choice to pay compensation

Adam Wilkinson made a choice to move nearer to his home and leave his job, he knew how far it was back to Yorkshire when he took the job, he had no right to a compensation pay off or whatever they call this ridiculous and unjust payout of taxpayers' money. A nice £365,000 pay off. That is obscene.

It would have been a different matter if it was the choice of the council to terminate his position but it was his choice and we should not bear the brunt.

How dare they spend yet more taxpayers' money, it is no wonder the country is in the state it is.

If this is the type of decision made by our leader of KKC perhaps we should be looking for a new one.

C Russell, by email

I can't SEEDA how area will improve

Can I say how disappointed I am to hear that the coalition government has abolished SEEDA, the government agency that encouraged inward investment into our area and, in fact, was behind several major capital projects.

Where do they expect private investment to get this area moving again to come from? Without the expertise and involvement of SEEDA I fail to see how the county can look forward to a better future when so many will find their finances squeezed by the rise in VAT, the cutting back of benefits, the freezing of child benefit that will, in fact, mean a cut if inflation rises and mothers of young children will be forced to look for work in an area of high-unemployment.

Who will look after their children when child care is so hard to come by and the government proposes to allow nurseries to charge 'top-up fees'?

Public sector workers face a wages freeze. Public sector pensioners will find their pension linked to a lower price index than previously.

Young people's training opportunities will be abolished so we face more unemployed young people lacking the skills required to enable them to get into jobs with long-term prospects.

Job Centres faced with closure forcing the unemployed to travel further to sign on and seek work.

Magistrates Courts closing so anyone who is facing a trial or giving evidence will have to wait longer to see justice done.

Kent councils are threatening many jobs cuts so our public sector workers will find themselves cast aside and their jobs handed to volunteers or done away with totally.

'Tough but fair'?

Jennifer Matterface, by email

Can you spare time to make contact?

For many, the World Cup is an opportunity to get together with friends and family, sharing the highs and lows of the competition.

At this time, spare a thought for older people, many of whom see their TV as their only friend. One in 10 say they are always lonely. This may be because they have no family or they may have lost a much-loved wife or husband. Mobility problems may mean they struggle to get outdoors, leading to little human contact for weeks on end. This can lead to loneliness, isolation and despair. But it doesn't have to be that way.

As an Organising Volunteer for Independent Age, the UK-wide charity which provides lifelong friendship, practical help and financial support to older people on very low incomes, your skills, ideas and enthusiasm could help brighten the lives of older people. You'll help us recruit and support our volunteer visitors, who visit the people we support in their homes, and provide vital human contact.

This is a fantastic and rewarding opportunity for someone who has got some time to spare.

If you think you would be suited to becoming an Organising Volunteer and have about one day a fortnight to spare for Independent Age, contact Amanda Jupp, Area Manager for South East England on 01403 741 042 or email Amanda.Jupp@independentage.org.uk.

Amanda Jupp, Independent Age

Trying to stop great rail fare robbery

Kent Green Party notes that the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond, is proposing to remove the current system which links rail fares to inflation.

We already have the highest rail fares in the world. Proposed rail fare increases of six per cent for January 2011, could be increased to 10 per cent or more if the Government removes controls on rail fares.

We have seen how substantial fares for new high-speed rail services have resulted in low take up by Kent rail travellers.

If commuters despair of the ticket prices and take to the roads, then the traffic congestion, noise and air pollution in many Kent communities will obviously get worse.

We need an integrated approach to transport. Rail fares should be cut, and suggestions of delays to the delivery of new carriages should be abandoned.

Supporting increased rail use is a clear priority if the Government means what it says about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

There is always an alternative to misdirected cuts in public spending and justifiable increased spending on the railways is a clear example.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Author happy as Larry with his story so far

FIND out how you can be as happy as Larry with the new fundraising book by a Medway author.

BY **JANE CONNOLLY**

After years of entertaining family and friends with witty anecdotes from his life and career, Larry Brooks decided to write down all his best stories in aid of a good cause.

With his self-published life story, Happy as Larry, he hopes to help other people achieve contentedness and will donate the profits to Demelza House children's hospice in Sittingbourne.

"Friends say that I'm a good storyteller, whether it is tales from childhood, school or university," Brooks, 63, said. "Our honeymoon was rather funny and lots of things happened at work and more recently.

"I try to entertain people with true life stories and they say, 'that's funny, you should write it down'. I also wanted to put a marker down for my grandchildren; I wanted to say, 'this is what I am about and what we are about'."

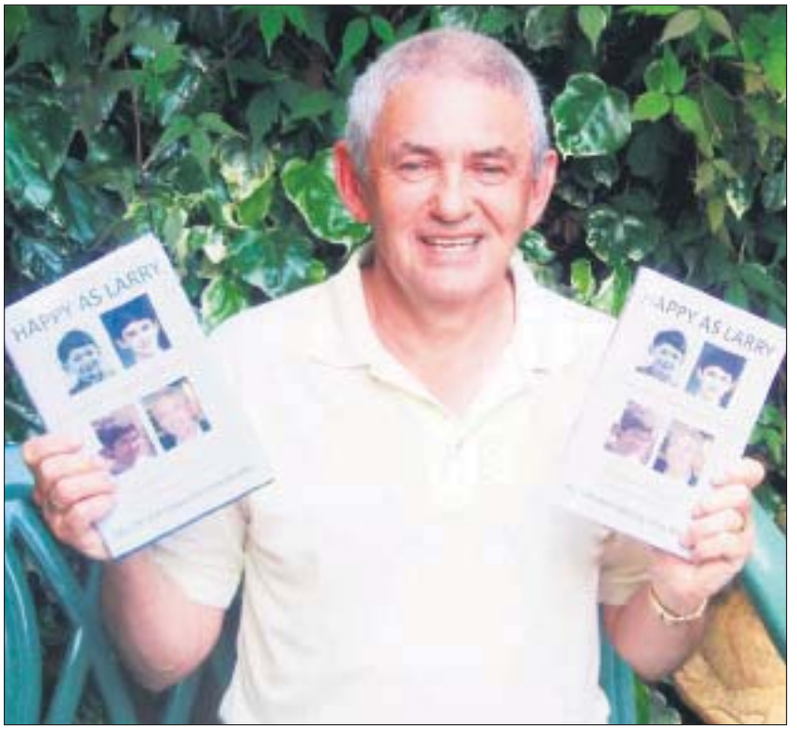
As well as exploring his own life and experiences, the retired IT worker from Rainham also charts the social and cultural events which have unfolded throughout his lifetime.

"It's a love story, as I've been married to Ruth for 42 years, but it's also very much a social history," he said. "I was in computing for more than 40 years and I've seen a lot of things from the beginning.

"There are chapters with music, sport, famous people I've met and the best advice I've ever had, mostly from my father. There are chapters on all sorts of things and what has gone on around me."

Although Brooks and his family have faced challenges like anyone else – such as family bereavements and the loss of someone close to them in the 7/7 London bombings – Brooks describes himself as "99 per cent happy" and hopes his book might help other people to discover the secret of happiness.

"That's what you ask everybody and it's what everyone wants, for themselves and their children," he said. "I think it's about looking for a way forward. However bad things might be, it's about thinking 'this has happened, but what should I do now?' I think it's also about meeting the right person, loving your job and being constructive."



LIFE STORY: Larry Brooks with his book, which he hopes will help raise money for Demelza House children's hospice

Brooks already donates to Demelza House but decided to do more to help by donating the profits from his book to the children's charity.

"It's a very sad business that children there have terminal illnesses. My first memory is from when I was four and going into hospital with my tonsils. The boy in the bed next to me was yellow and bald and I could tell there was something seriously wrong with him. In later years, I learned about cancer. It's a good cause and, being local, I can see the good it's doing."

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DAY & NIGHT

Free theatre auditions

YOUNG people are invited to audition for the free Dover Youth Theatre workshop, From Film and Footlights.

West End musical director Pete Faint joins the workshop which runs from August 14 to 19. Auditions for ages 10 to 26 will take place at the Salem Baptist Church in Dover from 4.30pm on Friday (July 9). For details call 01304 202544 or email doveryouththeatre@hotmail.com.

Street festival coming

MUSIC, dance and much more will be on offer at the Ashford Street Festival on Sunday (July 11).

Hosted by Ashford Go4Palay in High Street, the festival features play-themed activities, an Italian market and skateboarding and dance workshops for teenagers, face painting and much more.

The traditional carnival is also being incorporated into the event.

Join Canterbury choir

AUDITIONS are being held for Canterbury Choral Society's Youth Choir on Saturday (July 10).

Boys and girls aged from seven to 14 can audition at St Edmund's School between 2pm and 4pm where they will be given a voice test.

Applicants can apply and pick their own audition time online at www.canterburychoral.co.uk/youth.

Play time in Broadstairs

GET over the World Cup blues with a double bill of entertainment from Millers Amateur Dramatic Society.

The group presents three short plays from Jean McConnell's Deckchair series and Darlings, You Were Wonderful by Derek Lomas. The show is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, July 10 and 11. Book on 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Born to barn dance

KICK up your heels at Equator's ceilidh barn dance with the Catsfield Steamers on Friday (July 9).

The dance will be held at Norton Knatchbull School in Ashford at 8pm and tickets cost £9/£7/£4. A fish and chip dinner is also available for £6/£2 and there is a vegetarian alternative.

To book call 01233 629165 or visit www.equatorfestival.com.

Pick 'n' paint a pot

ADULTS can try their hand at pottery painting at a venue in Cliftonville.

Pick 'n' Paint a Pot in Northdown Road is offering a workshop from 7pm to 9.30pm on Friday (July 9). Admission costs £13 and booking is recommended. To find out more call the pottery on 01843 297778 or visit the website at www.picknpaintapot.co.uk.

Drury does the classics

PAY tribute to musical legends at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate on Saturday night (July 10).

Neil Diamond, Sinatra and Friends features two separate performances by Bob Drury, as he sings classic songs from iconic performers.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



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Heavenly sounds

Outstanding choral music will fill Canterbury Cathedral during concert

EXPERIENCE two outstanding pieces of music in a beautiful setting with Whitstable Choral Society's next concert.

The society is joined by five soloists as they perform Mozart's Requiem and Bach's Magnificat. The audience can look forward to an evening of rousing choral music with a group of remarkable soloists.

Soprano Bethany Kallan Remfry has graced the stage of prestigious London venues such as the Barbican, the Royal Albert Hall, the Houses of Parliament and St Martin-in-the-Fields. For her Wigmore Hall debut, she sang the world premiere of A Matter of Darkness by Alastair Putt. She has played some enviable roles, such as Dorabella in Mozart's Cosi fan tutte and Mercedes in Bizet's Carmen and Dido from Dido and Aeneas.

Helen Bailey is also a soprano who performs both as a soloist and a member of several ensembles, with an impressive list of credits which include The Clemency of Titus, Orfeo and Eurydice, Le nozze di Figaro, Susannah, The Rake's Progress and Carmen.

Hailing from Northern Ireland, contralto Lynda-Jane Workman sand with the Ulster Youth Choir in Proms at the Park and joined their Ireland and France tour. Her a cappella group Dieci, of which she is a founder member, recently reached the grand final of the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year competition and last year they launched their debut CD, A Good Night.

With a repertoire that ranges from the 17th century to the present day, tenor Julian Forbes has been praised for the 'rare depth and richness of tone' found in his voice. A German speaker, he has a particular passion for the Baroque and is in high demand as an Evangelist in Bach's Passions.

Before he became a baritone singer, Laurence Meikle trained as an actor in Australia. But his career took a distinct turn and he has appeared as guest principal artist with Opera Australia, Victorian Opera and Melbourne Opera in a variety of popular productions. He is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music and has performed throughout the UK and Europe, including a Royal Command performance at Australia House in London.

Originally written for the Christmas Vespers in 1723, Bach's Magnificat was initially in E-flat and included various seasonal texts. Years later, Bach removed the festive interpolations and transposed the piece into D, to make it suitable for performance all year round.

A grand masterpiece, Magnificat requires five soloists and a five-part choir. At the time of its writing, the orchestra – three trumpets, two flutes, two oboes, strings and continuo – was an unusually large one.

When Mozart died in December 1791, only the opening movement had been completely finished. Shortly after receiving the commission from Franz von Walsegg, who wanted to commemorate his late wife, Mozart fell ill and began to talk about his own death, even suggesting that he had been poisoned and was composing the Requiem for himself.

After his death, his widow Constanze was keen to collect the full payment on the work, so another composer, Franz Xaver Süssmayr was brought in to complete it. Despite this controversy, the Requiem is still one of Mozart's best-loved works.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£12 or £5 for the transept, where there is a limited view. Tickets are available on the door and in advance from Harbour Books in Harbour Street, Whitstable, on 01227 264011; Terry Johnson on 01227 750950; by emailing tickets@whitstablechoral.org.uk and online at www.whitstablechoral.org.uk.

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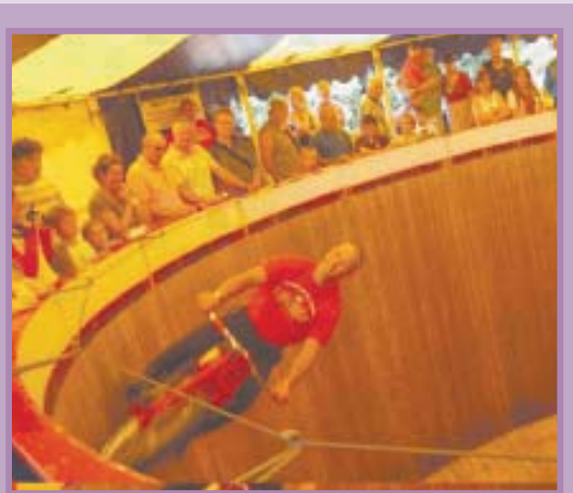
GREAT music and comedy line up next to outstanding theatre at Lounge on the Farm Festival this weekend.

Alongside the seven music stages and the Playhouse, which hosts a bill of stand-up headlined by Howard Marks and Phill Jupitus' Improv All-Stars, there will be a variety of performing arts on offer. Performing Arts Network Kent, or PANeK, has joined forces with the Playhouse to present a showcase of theatre and performance.

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Other attractions include the Tiny Travelling Tightwire Show, Galloping Cuckoos, Ivivi, Little Bulb Theatre's Operation Greenfield, Shanty Fiasco's Tortoise, Wide Eyed Theatre and Jacqui Johnston's Crystal Ball (pictured).

Tickets are £40 for an adult day ticket and £20 for children. Details at www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.



QUEXPO

Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11, Quex Park, Birchington

ENJOY a weekend of family fun in the beautiful grounds of Quex House when Quexpo Country Fair returns.

There will be plenty of entertainment on offer this weekend, with a busy programme that offers everything from thrilling motorcycle stunts to a family dog show. Vintage vehicle enthusiasts can admire the display of steam engines, tractors and military vehicles along with classic cars and motorcycles, while at the other end of the scale, visitors can hitch a ride on the miniature train.

One of Quexpo's highlights is the Amazing Wall of Death motorcycle stunt show, in which daring riders entertain the crowds.

There will also be a ffunfair, a children's entertainer, cheerleaders, dance gymnasts, the Inter Thanet Junior Football Tournament and stalls. Many Hoots Owl Sanctuary will bring their beautiful birds of prey and on Saturday night, Blues Brothers and Elvis Presley tribute acts will provide live music.

Gates open at 10am and tickets cost £7/£5 for adults and £1 for children over five. Admission is free after 6pm on Saturday.

BROGDALE CHERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11, Brogdale Farm, Faversham

LIFE is sweet at Brogdale Farm this weekend as the attraction celebrates the humble cherry.

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The festival also features craft stalls and activities for children, while seasonal fruits can be enjoyed in homemade dishes at the cafe. Visitors can also experience tractor trailer rides around the orchards and ride on the Faversham Mini Railway.

For more information call 01795 536250 or visit the website at www.brogdalecollections.co.uk.





DR PHIL'S RUDE HEALTH SHOW

Saturday, July 10, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

MEET the doctor who thinks he has the cure for everything when Dr Phil Hammond visits Canterbury.

With his new show, Dr Phil's Rude Health Show, he explores the health cost of pleasure seeking and tries to work out how the health system can cope with all our vices. Using his distinctive blend of humour, rudeness and irreverence, he gives audiences a consultation like no other.

Questions that will be examined include why people stick things the places they do, what to do if someone dies during sex and how you can enjoy your pleasures without putting a strain on the NHS.

His frank, funny and subversive take on the world of medicine has been a real antidote for awkwardness as he travels the country, dispensing his wisdom while generating big laughs.

The show, which is suitable for over-16s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. Book online at www.thegulbenkian.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075. NHS workers can see the show for £12 but the discount is not available online. Bring proof of ID when collecting tickets.

MARTIN CROONES' CHARITY DATES

Various Dates, outside Macari's, Herne Bay

SINGER Martin Croones will be entertaining in the name of charity this summer.

He will be performing big band swing classics outside Macari's, at the Bandstand, from 2pm to 4pm this Friday, to raise money for Cancer Research and the Strode Park Foundation. Croones will return for more performances on July 19 and 30 and August 2, 6, 16, 20 and 27, weather permitting.

In 2007 the former salesman decided to take a year out to focus on his dream of becoming an entertainer. With the support of his family, he began singing in care and retirement homes and eventually began to get gigs at social clubs and pubs.

Once the year had gone by, he had learned enough to commit another year to the project and has been going strong ever since. He now sings in golf clubs, hotels, restaurants and private parties, with a lot of work coming from recommendations.

Anyone who would like to find out more about Martin Croones can call him on 01227 283445 or 07740 046459, email thecrooner@talktalk.net go online to www.freewebs.com/thecrooner.



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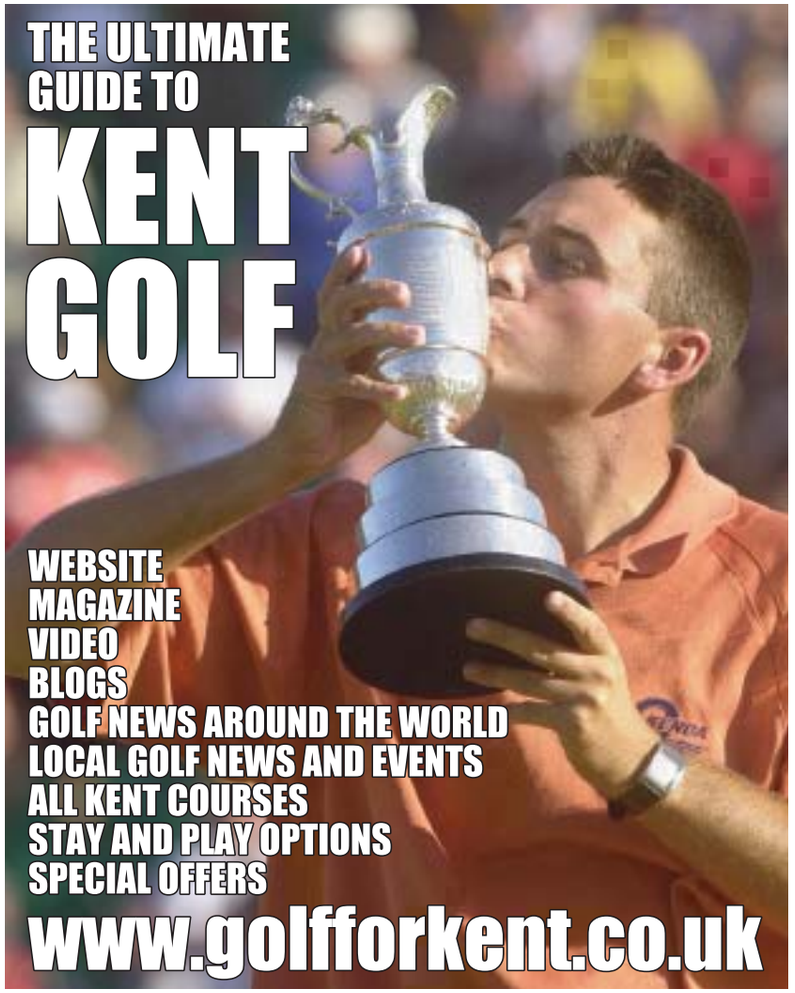
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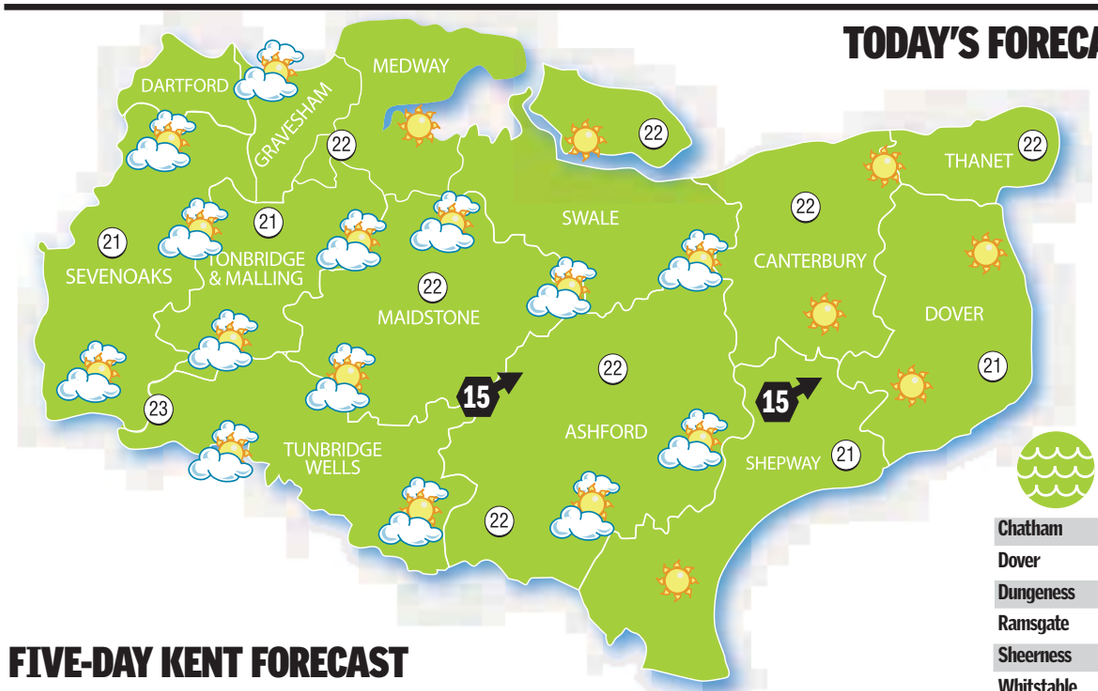
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Dungeness	Saturday	10:41am 6.8m	Sunday	11:28am 7.2m
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Maidstone	23°C	23°C	24°C	25°C	25°C
Ramsgate	20°C	22°C	23°C	24°C	24°C
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Roxanne Pallett turned down a pop record deal when she won the part of Jo Stiles in Emmerdale that launched her as one of the nation's most loved soap stars.

With nominations for Best Actress, Sexiest Female and Best Storyline for her agonising role of femme-fatale-turned-battered-wife, she proved to be more than just a pin-up.

Roxanne showcased her vocal talent on ITV's Soapstar Superstar and was the winner of Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes, singing as Gloria Estefan. She recently starred on ITV1's Dancing on Ice, then joined Torvill and Dean on their 25th anniversary Bolero Tour. Roxanne has just completed her first Hollywood film, Lake Placid 3.



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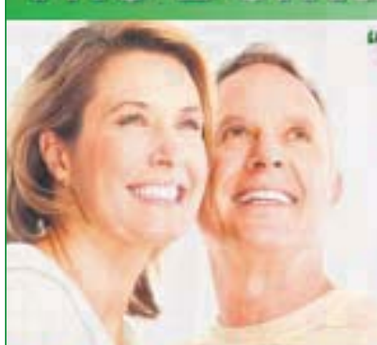
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Frank Capra meets Walt Disney to inspire Shrek's final chapter

BY **DAMON SMITH**

THE fourth and final instalment of the computer-animated series puts a fairy-tale spin on It's A Wonderful Life, but Shrek Forever After lacks the heartfelt emotion of Frank Capra's 1946 classic.

The adventures of the jolly green ogre have been on a steady decline since the wildly imaginative 2001 original film, so it is to director Mike Mitchell's credit that this picture is arguably the best of the sequels.

Still, his film relies heavily on the love we have invested in the characters and their fates, and revisits many familiar faces from earlier chapters, including Pinocchio, Gingerbread Man and the Three Little Pigs.

Moreover, Mitchell steals shamelessly from Disney's Beauty And The Beast for his finale.

If you are going to borrow, it may as well be from the best.

Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is suffering mid-life angst with mewling kids and his beautiful and pungent wife, Fiona (Cameron Diaz). Villagers are no longer scared of him and the ogre begins to wonder if life holds any more surprises.

"Shrek, you have three beautiful children, a wife who loves you, friends who adore you. Why is it that you're the only person who can't see that?" implores Fiona sadly.

In his hour of desperation, Shrek meets the conniving Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn), who offers a tantalising deal: he will gift Shrek one whole day as a scary ogre, just like before, if the father agrees to sign away one day of his childhood.

Shrek agrees to the Faustian pact, blind to Rumpelstiltskin's devious plan: to erase the day that Shrek was born and thereby alter the future.

Suddenly, Shrek finds himself in an alternate universe where Fiona is the leader of an underground movement of ogres, good friend Donkey (Eddie Murphy) no longer recognises him and legendary assassin Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) has piled on the pounds to become a lazy house cat.



MID-LIFE ANGST: Shrek finds himself tempted by Rumpelstiltskin, and right, Puss in Boots has let himself go a little



Indeed, he no longer answers to his heroic monicker. "That is a name I have outgrown," he purrs.

"That's not the only thing you've outgrown," quips Shrek, staring at the feline's bulging belly.

In order to win back Fiona's love, Shrek must join forces with Donkey and Puss to break the pact before the sands in Rumpelstiltskin's oversized hourglass run out.

Shrek Forever After brings the long-running saga to a lively close, reminding each of the characters about the love and friendship which bind them together.

Dohrn's pint-sized, snivelling villain is a colourful addition to the cast and he brings some much-needed vim to proceedings.

Murphy is subdued – not that he has a great deal of screen time for his usual scene-stealing antics.

The 3D version exploits the eye-popping format during the chase sequences, but Mitchell's film loses nothing in 2D and children won't have the added distraction of the oversized plastic spectacles.

SHREK FOREVER AFTER
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MOST HATED? Piers Morgan brings you the lowdown on exotic destinations

YOUR TV REVIEW

PIERS MORGAN ON ... ITV1, 8pm, Tuesday
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BY **TOM BETTS**

PIERS Morgan is probably one of the most hated men in Britain.

That's not a nice thing to write, but he does seem to be terribly disliked, although I've never quite figured out why.

Perhaps he's a little pompous, but then again so is Simon Cowell and he seems to be the nation's sweetheart these days and is just as influential as anyone in the country.

Piers Morgan on Fire, or Piers Morgan on the Rack might be preferable programme titles for many, but when he's not playing the plummy-voiced brayer on Britain's Got Talent, Morgan is not actually as obnoxious as you might think.

Still, ITV's decision to give the man a regular show, taking a look at whatever he seems to fancy is an interesting one.

Never one to shy away from an awkward question, he travels far and wide to see what makes a place tick.

In short, he's trying to do a Clive James by getting under the skin of those he visits a little, hoping to expose something new for us viewers.

This week the man himself is looking at Las Vegas and Dubai, two places which share many similiarities but also many differences.

WORLD War II has been very much in the news of late, with the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuations especially noteworthy.

But what would have happened if the Nazis had crossed the channel as many at the time feared and expected? Would Britain have crumbled with a desperate lack of real soldiers to defend our island?

Probably, is the answer to that, but the greengrocers, bank clerks and butchers of Britain were ready to meet them head-on, even if that meant pitting teenagers on bicycles against Panzer tanks.

For anyone who likes Dad's Army, this is essential viewing, and as many of those who were actually involved are still alive to tell the tale, we're treated to some excellent first-hand accounts.

It may be true that the Home Guard, which they became known as, would have been crushed, but could well have put up more of a fight than has been parodied.

Taking in the daft, the brave, and the downright silly, The Real Dad's Army looks at the weaponry, training and undoubted spirit that was displayed on these shores.

MOTORS NEWS



Auris drives straight into first 'green' award

TOYOTA'S new petrol-electric Auris Hybrid has just launched and scooped its first award – WhatGreenCar Car of the Year 2010.

The low emission/road tax exempt British-built Auris Hybrid – capable of averaging more than 70mpg – beat 10 other green car finalists and www.whatgreencar.com editor Dr Ben Lane, said the judging panel not only liked the car's superior drive and state-of-the-art driver control, but its 'normal' looks, in contrast to Toyota's bigger and more futuristic Prius.



Suzuki's Grand Vitara loses its 'chunky' looks

SUZUKI has cleaned-up its three and five-door Grand Vitara 4x4.

It retains its genuine off-road ability with high and low gear ratios but, no doubt mindful of the threat from more cleanly styled crossovers like the Nissan Qashqai, the Japanese marque has toned down the Vitara's 'funky chunky' lines, notably by removal of the tailgate mounted spare wheel, which gives way to a tyre repair sealant and pump.

Suzuki is also retaining a zero per cent finance deal until the end of September.



Renault is putting the Wind up crop top rivals

LOOKING like a Lotus Elise, but very much cheaper, Renault has revitalised the junior convertible sector of the market with the newly-arrived Wind Roadster.

It features an electrically-operated hardtop, which opens in just 12 seconds and does not affect boot space, unlike obvious rivals like the Peugeot 207CC and Vauxhall Tigra. The new coupé-roadster is built on the same platform as the Clio II Renaultsport hot hatch and well suited to two lively petrol engines – a 100bhp 1.2 and 133bhp 1.6 VVT Wind.



STANDOUT: Honda used the catchline 'not all 4X4s are the same' when they launched the new CR-V, but despite a revamp and improved emissions it still costs more than £29,000

'Whispering diesel' proof not all 4x4s are the same

HONDA'S latest CR-V stands apart from its bluff pseudo off-roader predecessors.

It's also far cleaner and more economical than 4x4 monsters that gave that sector a bad name. No wonder the Japanese marque launched this CR-V using the line 'not all 4x4s are the same'.

However, it is no longer the best-looking alternative and far from the cheapest, even though UK production at Swindon ought to make it less prone to the weakness of the pound, which is inflating new car prices here.

On the other hand, it is a marvellous package benefiting from a revamp bringing minimal cosmetic changes, but delivering an extra 10bhp and improved emissions quality from Honda's excellent 2.2-litre diesel – the so-called 'whispering diesel' – and CR-V best-seller by far.

It whispers even more now; only flooring the throttle will make the unit clatter, but it mostly delivers power freely and quietly.

For many would-be buyers though it is a new smooth-changing five-speed auto diesel option – at last – that will be most welcome.

Unfortunately, at £1,370, it is not cheap and lacks the manual selection option expected on new generation auto 'boxes.

This is a shame because the CR-V chassis is well-tuned to press on driving; some may find the ride quality firm, but it gives this relatively big and high-riding car great tenacity and very little body roll on the bends.

Interior fittings are upmarket and comfort levels excellent too, with good lateral support on the front seats, plus adjustable armrests and there is plenty of stowage, including a separate dashboard compartment with USB link for your iPod/iPhone or MP3 player.

Rear passengers are well catered for, with lots of legroom and a completely flat floor.

The 60/40 split/folding rear seats can also be adjusted fore and aft and raked back for greater comfort on long journeys and adjustment of child seats.

However, ultimate boot space is hampered by the rear being pinched for height and width and roof lining encroachment at the sides.

Our EX flagship test car also costs more than £29,000 with that pricey auto 'box, but it did groan beneath the weight of add-ons, so just look beyond the CR-V pricing – not all 4x4s are the same.

ROAD TEST
HONDA CR-V

BY **STEVE LOADER**

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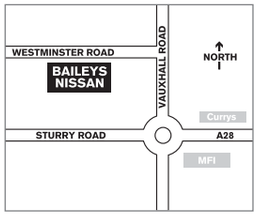
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THE Government should make the creation of more affordable housing for first-time buyers and low-income families a top priority, according to a group that has analysed market trends.

It is the view of lobby group PricedOut.org.co.uk, which claims that millions of people on social-housing waiting-lists and first-time buyers looking to get on the property ladder are desperate for help.

Following radical changes to the planning system and public-sector funding cuts, the number of social homes built this year could slump by 65 per cent, according to research by the National Housing Federation.

But PricedOut.org.uk spokeswoman Katy John believes there are other ways that money could be saved without reducing the number of homes that are built for those who need them.

She said: "One way in which the Government could raise more funds for house-building is to remove the tax breaks currently enjoyed by buy-to-let investors.

"The estimated £1 billion saved every year by doing so could be used to build more affordable homes."

The plans also have the backing of groups who are working with people on low incomes looking to get on the housing ladder.

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Life can be tough in the overcrowded South East

Federation demands more social housing

BY **NICK AMES**

SOUTH-EAST England has been named as one of the worst-affected areas of the UK when it comes to overcrowding.

A lack of new homes being built is the main reason behind the problem, claim National Housing Federation insiders who have been collating figures.

An estimated 80,000 households in the region are overcrowded, with that figure set to rise to 90,000 by 2013.

The National Housing Federation, which represents England's housing associations, is predicting a 20 per cent rise across the country in the number of families living in overcrowded housing by 2013.

The federation is warning that millions of people are now at risk of being trapped in substandard housing for a generation.

The slump in house-building is being blamed for fuelling the situation, with the figure of 123,000 new homes built in England and Wales in 2009-10 the lowest in 87 years.

Waiting

Additional research has shown that insufficient homes have been built in the South East since 2002, with the region missing its target for new homes by 15 per cent during 2008/9, the latest year for which the figures are available.

With more than 203,000 South East households on housing waiting-lists, the mortgage drought has exacerbated the problem.

Many young families are being forced to stay at home with their parents while they save for a deposit, or are simply abandoning hope of being able to afford their own place in the current economic climate.

Warren Finney, South East regional manager for the federation, warned that living in overcrowded conditions could have a major impact on families.

He said: "Overcrowding is closely linked to poor health, low educational attainment and family breakdowns. It can also contribute to increased levels of homelessness and put enormous pressure on public services, as families are housed in expensive and often unsuitable temporary accommodation."

In the forthcoming spending review, the National Housing Federation is calling on the Government to ensure that 50,000 social rented and affordable homes can be delivered every year in England.



NEGATIVE IMPACT: Overcrowding means families are often housed in expensive and unsuitable accommodation

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A study by MyMortgageDirect claims rates on mortgages are now beginning to look favourable when compared with the escalation of UK rental values.

Mortgage-lender Santander claimed earlier that first-time buyers were now better off buying than renting as in almost every part of the country monthly payments for mortgage-holders were now lower than for renters.

While MyMortgageDirect director Stuart Inman agrees with the figures, he says there is still one large caveat to the Santander claims: a large deposit.

He said: "It is easy to say a mortgage is cheaper than renting, but obviously you've got a huge deposit which people need to find.

"It is not quite as straightforward comparing the two when you take into account the other costs."

Mr Inman went on to say that those with less than 15 per cent of the purchase price for a deposit would see that mortgage rates are still not particularly attractive.

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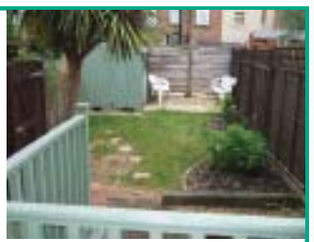
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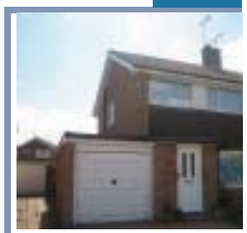
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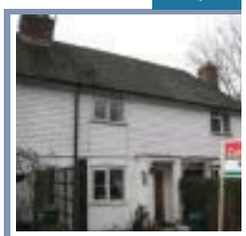
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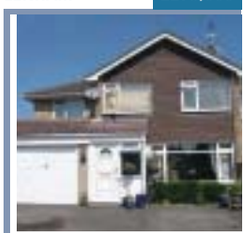
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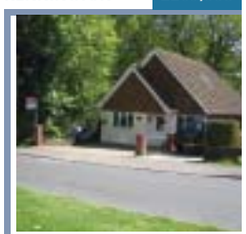
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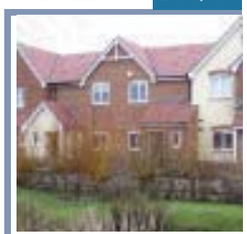
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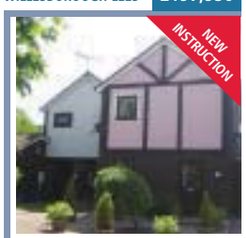
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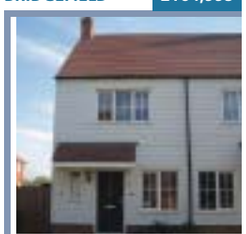
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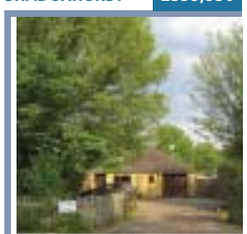
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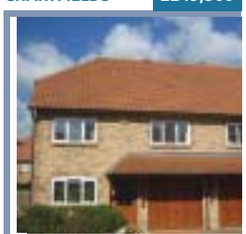
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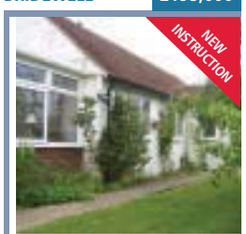
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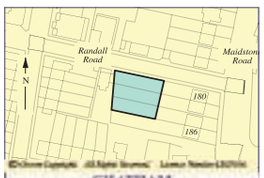
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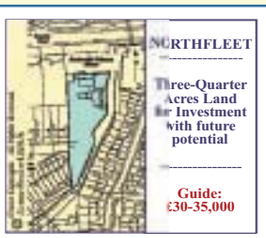
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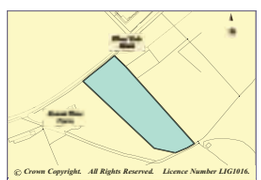
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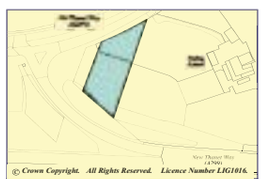
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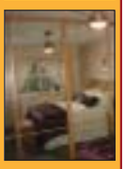
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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Tenterden keep the pressure on top spot

Kent League Division Two

Holmesdale 1st XI v Tenterden 1st XI

TENTERDEN remain in hot pursuit of league-leaders Broadstairs after a three-wicket win at Holmesdale.

Daniel McDonald's side went into the game in third position in the league, just two points behind Broadstairs and after Saturday's victory, they remain in the same position.

Tenterden's bowlers took control early on as they limited Holmesdale, who batted first, to just 137 all-out. Despite a relatively low total to chase, Tenterden made hard work of the task and only clinched victory with nine overs to spare.

McDonald's side hope to topple Broadstairs this Saturday, when they travel to face Hayes.

Elsewhere, Tenterden's 2nd XI followed the first-team's result with a 31-run win against neighbours Hythe.

Tenterden made a positive start with Darren Bailey (28), Bradley Hobbs (30) and Rajib Datta (58) plundering runs early on. Once Stefan Pichowski and Josh Connolly dismissed the trio, the flow of runs came to an end and they were eventually bowled out for 181.

Hythe struggled early in their reply as they lost openers Christopher Slee (0) and Bob Phillips (5) with Mark Brann and Paul Hope taking the all-important wickets.

Connolly (24) and Paul Goddard (58) steadied the innings but Brann, Hope, Bailey and Tevis Knight all took wickets after an impressive display with the ball. The quartet mopped up the tail to leave Hythe 150 all-out.



Picture: IGOR RUPCO

FORM: Tenterden celebrate a Holmesdale wicket at the weekend as their win kept them third in Kent League Division Two

SCORE CARD

Tenterden 2nd XI

	Runs
Darren Bailey ct Duncombe b Pichowski	28
Chris Hobbs b Sheppard	9
Bradley Hobbs ct Sheppard b Pichowski	30
Rajib Datta ct Pichowski b Connolly	58
Mark Brann ct Duncombe b Pichowski	7
Tim Russell c&b Connolly	6
Sam Arnold ct Owen b Connolly	0
Paul Hope ct Connolly b Eccles	6
Jay Parker ct Phillips b Connolly	0
Tevis Knight (snr) not out	4
Alex Clarke st Duncombe b Connolly	4
Extras (17b 2lb 9w 1nb)	29
Total (all out , 49 overs)	181

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Patrick Owen	6	1	21	0
Joe Sheppard	7	1	12	1
Alex Bill	7	0	31	0
Stefan Pichowski	15	1	63	3
Josh Connolly	12	4	32	5
Matthew Eccles	2	0	3	1

Hythe 2nd XI

	Runs
Christopher Slee ct Datta b Brann	0
Bob Phillips b Hope	5
Josh Connolly ct Brann b Hope	24
Paul Goddard lbw b Knight (snr)	58
Nigel Pichowski b Bailey	14
Christopher Duncombe b Bailey	0
Stefan Pichowski b Knight (snr)	9
Joe Sheppard ct Russell b Brann	18
Patrick Owen not out	9
Matthew Eccles b Knight (snr)	8
Alex Bill lbw b Brann	0
Extras (2lb 3w)	5
Total (all out , 47.3 overs)	150

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Paul Hope	12	2	34	2
Mark Brann	9.3	1	33	3
Darren Bailey	14	4	41	2
Tevis Knight (snr)	12	1	40	3

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Harvel 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

ASHFORD Town are just five points adrift of the Division One promotion places after recording a five-wicket win at Harvel.

The two sides seemed to be in pole position for victory after posting 221, which included half-centuries from David Walker (55) and Jesse Seven (73).

After a slight wobble early on following the loss of Liam Tegg (27), Luke Reeves (1) and Simon Taylor (8), Town recovered. Gary Sutton's 72, alongside 38 from Jason Boulter, helped Ashford to a comfortable win with more than 11 overs to spare.

Harvel 1st XI

		Runs
David Walker	ct Tegg b Ealham	55
Matt Britz	ct Sutton b Taylor	16
Jesse Seven	ct Clark b Shields	73
Robert McSweeney	lbw b Tegg	4
Alaister Ramsey	lbw b Tegg	0
Philip Darby	ct Taylor b Tegg	30
Simon Bowden	ct Tegg b Shields	14
Oliver McSweeney-Atkins	b Shields	2
Desmond Bailey	b Shields	7
John-Jacob Britz	st McAlister b Tegg	2
James Marrable	not out	0
Extras	(5b 8lb 1w 4nb)	18
Total	(all out, 49.2 overs)	221

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Simon Taylor	15	5	23	1
Sam Kennett	5	0	21	0
Ben Ealham	15	0	83	1
Liam Tegg	10	0	59	4
Peter Shields	4.2	0	22	4

Ashford Town 1st XI

		Runs
Simon Taylor	ct Darby b Bailey	8
Liam Tegg	b Bailey	27
Luke Reeves	b Ramsey	1
Kyle McAlister	b Marrable	29
Gary Sutton	ct Bowden b Seven	72
Jason Boulter	not out	38
Peter Shields	not out	33
Ben Ealham	did not bat	
Sam Kennett	did not bat	
Dean Clark	did not bat	
David Foad	did not bat	
Extras	(5b 10lb)	15
Total	(5 wickets, 38.4 overs)	223

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Desmond Bailey	9.4	0	66	2
Alaister Ramsey	7	0	50	1
James Marrable	7	2	25	1
John-Jacob Britz	5	2	20	0
David Walker	4	0	23	0
Jesse Seven	6	2	24	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Tonbridge 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

WYE lost ground in the Kent Regional League Championship East title race following a narrow two-wicket defeat at Tonbridge.

The visitors reached 164 for 9 from their 46 overs, which was largely helped by Stuart Wise's knock of 54 and David Parry's 20.

Wye's bowlers battled hard in reply and Mark Shannon threatened to steal the show, but in the end his four wickets were not enough. Tonbridge were able to hold on and surpassed Wye's total with an over to spare.

Wye 1st XI

		Runs
Stuart Wise	ct Smiles b N Shehzad	54
David Parry	b N Shehzad	20
Daniel Noden	ct Smiles b N Shehzad	17
David Fletcher	ct Helyar b K Shehzad	9
Nick Eve	c&b K Shehzad	4
Adam Dodd	ct Smiles b Smiles	9
Alex Woodbridge	lbw b N Shehzad	0
Mahaveer Pulapalli	ct Smiles b M Smiles	8
Matt Barlow	not out	18
Keith Secrett	run out	3
Mark Shannon	not out	0
Extras	(5b 3lb 12w 2nb)	22
Total	(9 wickets, 46 overs)	164

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matthew Smiles	11	1	42	2
Martin Batley	2	0	26	0
Nick Helyar	9	2	23	0
Nadeem Shehzad	12	3	26	4
Khurram Shehzad	12	4	39	2

Tonbridge 1st XI

		Runs
Paul Smiles	b Shannon	19
Chirag Patel	b Wise	10
Nadeem Shehzad	b Shannon	5
Julius Marshall	b Shannon	19
Dilshan Fernando	lbw b Noden	39
John Simmon	run out	20
Khurram Shehzad	run out	21
Stephen Allen	st Fletcher b Shannon	14
Martin Batley	not out	1
Nick Helyar	not out	1
Matthew Smiles	did not bat	
Extras	(12b 1lb 3w)	16
Total	(8 wickets, 45 overs)	165

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alex Woodbridge	6	0	20	0
Stuart Wise	10	4	24	1
Mark Shannon	9	2	27	4
Daniel Noden	9	0	40	1
Keith Secrett	11	0	42	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B CENTRAL

Willesborough 1st XI v Pluckley 1st XI

JOHN Webster hit a stunning century from just 85 deliveries as Willesborough completed a convincing 125-run win against Pluckley.

Webster was the star of the innings as he hit 15 fours and five sixes on way to 132. He was backed up by James Thomas (48) and Robert Ades (35) as they helped Willesborough to 301 for 6 after 46 overs.

Pluckley tried to keep themselves in the game with a century from Craig Haynes, but they could only reach 176 from their 46 overs.

Willesborough 1st XI

		Runs
Darren Stear	ct Sorrell b Symonds	9
Robert Ades	ct Smith b Horswell	35
John Webster	ct Haynes b Symonds	132
James Thomas	b Avey	48
Jez Sharp	ct Haynes b Avey	18
Stuart Wilmer	ct Smith b Prescott	32
Callum Stuckey	not out	10
Adam Pressland	not out	0
Lewis Back	did not bat	
Vishal Sajikumar	did not bat	
Harry Back	did not bat	
Extras		17
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs)	301

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Bret Symonds	11	1	71	2
Richard Prescott	11	4	46	1
Peter Burbidge	9	1	50	0
Jim Horswell	6	1	37	1
Paul Smith	4	0	42	0
Steven Avey	5	0	44	2

Pluckley 1st XI

		Runs
Paul Smith	ct Sharp b Stuckey	6
Adrian Longley	ct Back b Wilmer	10
Craig Haynes	not out	102
Peter Burbidge	ct Back b Wilmer	20
Jim Horswell	b Sajikumar	12
Unsure	b Sharp	6
Dan Hills	b Sajikumar	0
Marcus Sorrell	run out	2
Bret Symonds	b Sajikumar	1
Steven Avey	not out	1
Richard Prescott	did not bat	
Extras		16
Total	(8 wickets, 46 overs)	176

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Stuckey	7	2	21	1
James Thomas	7	2	20	0
John Webster	12	1	40	0
Stuart Wilmer	10	4	32	2
Vishal Sajikumar	6	0	14	3
Jez Sharp	4	0	26	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Frindsbury 1st XI v Mersham Sports 1st XI

A DISAPPOINTING display with the bat saw league leaders Mersham Sports on the end of an 89-run defeat at Frindsbury.

After a bright start from Mersham's bowlers, which left Frindsbury struggling at 27 for 4, the hosts managed to recover through Mike Nock (43) and Samuel Gracey (58) to set Mersham 168 to win.

Mersham, who entered the game unbeaten, were never allowed to settle at the crease.

Only Rob Wilson provided any resistance with 28 as the visitors were skittled out for a desperately low 78.

Frindsbury 1st XI

		Runs
Peter Blackman	lbw b Pugh	3
Sam Dudgeon	ct Southern b Pugh	9
Robert Sait	lbw b Pugh	8
Selwin Fisher	b Wise	4
Mike Nock	ct Wilson b Stevens	43
Samuel Gracey	run out	58
Gurjit Singh	lbw b Harman	0
Sam Budd	b Harman	4
Peter Elswood	ct Southern b Pugh	0
Mark Gracey	lbw b Pugh	0
Robbie Elliott	not out	22
Extras	(4b 2lb 10w)	16
Total	(all out, 45.1 overs)	167

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Darren Pugh	12	1	39	5
Kevin Wise	12	3	27	1
Alan Stevens	11	0	60	1
John Harman	10.1	1	36	2

Mersham Sports 1st XI

		Runs
Darren Pugh	lbw b Dudgeon	4
David Harman	b Dudgeon	11
Alan Stevens	b Elliott	1
Dave Fagg	ct Fisher b Gracey	3
Rob Wilson	ct Elswood b Gracey	28
Matt Wilson	lbw b Fisher	7
William Colthup	b Gracey	7
John Southern	ct Sait b Gracey	0
Jack Wilson	not out	6
Kevin Wise	ct Fisher b Elliott	0
John Harman	lbw b Elliott	0
Extras	(4b 2lb 3w 2nb)	11
Total	(all out)	78

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Robbie Elliott	8.2	1	16	3
Sam Dudgeon	7	3	13	2
Mark Gracey	10	3	31	4
Selwin Fisher	7	1	12	1

Town's debts will be settled says Crosbie

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

ASHFORD Town will be able to start the new league season despite being suspended by the Football Association for debts owed to two Kent clubs, according to club chairman Don Crosbie.

The FA sanctions prevent the club from signing players or even taking part in pre-season friendlies until the debts are settled. They arose from outstanding payments dating back to last season to Dover Athletic for the loan of Craig Cloke and Ebbsfleet United for Jamie Forshaw and Steven Springett.

An FA spokesman said: "Ashford Town were initially put under a registrations embargo due to their failure to pay money owed to two clubs for loan players. This was subsequently extended to a suspension from all football on June 18. The suspension and embargo will be both lifted as soon as the debts are paid."

Crosbie, who is in dispute with co-owner Tony Betteridge over the running of the club, has moved to calm fears the Nuts and Bolts would not start the Ryman South season next month. The Town chairman insists Dover have been paid and the debt owed to Fleet will be settled before the start of the season.



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HOPEFUL: Ashford Town chairman Don Crosbie is confident the club's FA suspension will be lifted

He said: "There was a dispute over the wages for two players from Ebbsfleet United. I believe the wrong amount was put down by the club secretary, which was different to the fee agreed by [manager] Steve Lovell, but it looks like we have got to pay £2,000. [The FA] have said Dover haven't been paid for their loan player, but they have and we have got confirmation from that.

"I will pay it and as long as it is paid in the next six weeks then it won't be a problem."

Crosbie claims during the winding up process the club were not able to pay any bills, but he is now in a position to do so, allowing the Ebbsfleet debt to be settled in the next few weeks.

The sanctions are separate to the club's winding-up proceedings, lodged by Betteridge, which was adjourned in the High Court last Wednesday. Following the hearing, Crosbie has been given until July 14 to submit his written evidence. Betteridge will then have until July 28 to submit his evidence before a pre-trial review will take place after August 11.

A statement from Ashford Town's solicitors, Furley Page, said: "Due to the fact litigation is ongoing we are unable to comment further and we wish to reassure the players, fans and supporters of Ashford Town Football Club that we are hopeful the parties will reach an amicable solution to ensure the long-term survival future of this historic football club."

CRICKET



CRICKET FESTIVAL: Egerton Cricket Club at the start of a cricket week designed to raise money for a pavilion

Cricket week will raise pavilion funds

EGERTON Cricket Club hope to raise funds to kick-start their new sports pavilion project with the aid of a cricket week festival.

The project, which began eight years ago, has seen the Ashford club raise £90,000 of the £150,000 target for the building. The plan is for the pavilion, which has already received planning permission, to be used by Egerton cricket, football and running clubs throughout the year.

Egerton CC, who play in Kent Village League Division Two, opened their cricket week on Saturday with a game against fellow Ashford side Stowting. The festival will see games and live entertainment taking place at the cricket club every night this week, culminating with an eight-a-side competition on Friday. Clubs from Frittenden, Little Chart, Cranbrook and Ulcombe will all feature during the course of the week.

All games will take place at Egerton playing fields and entry is free. Edison Lighthouse will play a fundraising gig at the village hall this Saturday at 7.30pm to close the event.

Harvey named in GB side for World Championships

PARALYMPICS

ASHFORD athlete Claire Harvey has been called up to the Great Britain Women's sitting volleyball squad for the World Championships this week.

The 36-year-old will travel to Oklahoma to take part in the World Championships, which will see more than 640 elite athletes from 20 nations take part.

The event will be Harvey's first Sitting Volleyball World Championship after switching to the sport in 2008 following an accident which left her paralysed in one leg and without peripheral vision. She was an avid rugby player before the accident, beginning her career with Medway RFC before moving to Premiership side Saracens. She switched her attention to sitting volleyball to fill the void left by being unable to play rugby.

Sitting volleyball is an adapted version of volleyball which allows participants of all abilities to play. The women's game has been included in the Paralympics since 2004.

Harvey's women's GB squad will come up against Canada, Brazil, Russia, Ukraine, Slovenia and reigning Paralympic champions China. The tournament will be ideal practice for the 2012 London Paralympics which will see Great Britain enter a team into the event for the first time.

Head coach John Bestebroer said: "The squad and staff have worked hard to reach this stage and recognise what an opportunity this championship will bring as we prepare for London 2012."

Harvey flies out to America with the squad today ahead of the opening day of the week-long tournament which begins this Sunday.



INTERNATIONAL CALL: Claire Harvey will join the Great Britain sitting volleyball squad for World Championships

KENT SCHOOL GAMES



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FLYING HIGH : Mid Kent and Ashford trampolining

Ashford record set the pace in Games

THIS year's Kent School Games saw the Mid Kent & Ashford School Sports Partnership compile an impressive set of results, including three first-placed finishes.

Highworth Grammar School for Girls took the top honours in the under-14 badminton competition, while Swadelands won the under-15 boys trampolining and Valley Park completed a trio of wins by taking the cheerleading pom dance.

The Mid Kent & Ashford team finished second behind Maidstone in the mixed Year 5/6 basketball and Ashford Christ Church were edged into second place in the under-16 girls badminton.

Also taking the runners-up spot were North School in the under-15 girls table tennis and Highworth in the under-13 girls trampolining.

The district also came third in the under-13 girls athletics, under-13 girls basketball and mixed Year 5/6 netball, while the area's schools collected a host of fourth placings.

Towers School were fourth in both the under-15 boys basketball and under-15 boys beach volleyball, while North School equaled the feat in under-15 boys hockey and under-15 boys table tennis.

Other fourth-placed finishes went to Ashford Christ Church (under-16 boys badminton), Sandling (Year 5/6 boys football) and Swadelands (under-15 girls trampolining).

The Games, held at various venues around the county, is the largest event of its kind in the UK, featuring 30,000 children from 550 schools, culminating in last weekend's finals.

Chris Hespe, head of Kent County Council's sport, leisure and Olympics team said: "It's been an enormous exercise. We've had 64 finals, with 6,000 young people involved in 38 different sports across 13 different venues. The Games is now in the psyche of schools and it's an exciting opportunity for youngsters to learn the values of co-operation, competition, team work and fair play."

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